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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
For: **System and Method For Cleansing, Linking and Appending
Data Records of a Database**
Appl. No.: To be assigned
Filed: April 7, 2004
Inventors: Charles L. Kettler and John A. McDill
Ref No.: 674570/00001E

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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Non-Provisional Patent Application entitled:

System and Method For Cleansing, Linking and Appending Data Records of a Database

and naming as inventors:

Charles L. Kettler and John A. McDill

the application comprising:

- (i) 36 pages of Specification,
- (ii) 7 pages of claims (Total = 19, Independent = 2),
- (iii) a one (1) page abstract, and
- (iv) 11 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-11);

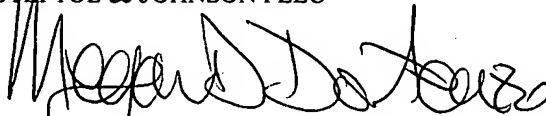
2. Form PTO-1082 (in duplicate);
3. A facsimile of an originally executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney by Charles L. Kettler and John A. McDill;
4. Non Publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i);
5. Our Check No. 7-23354 in the amount of \$385.00 to cover the \$385.00 filing and no additional claim fee for patent application (small entity status), and
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 11 Sheets of informal drawings (figures 1-11).
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
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- ☒ Non Publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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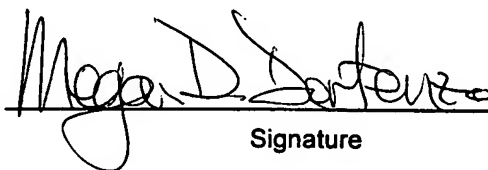
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